



Sample
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WINCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016

BALLOT 1 OF 2

James Tetreault
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SELECTMAN
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN TWO

BRANDON DAY 48 ○
TORY W. FRAZIER 48 ○
BEN KILANSKI 435 ●
ROBERT LEUSTEK 159 ○
WILLIAM (BILL) MCGRATH 171 ○
RICHARD C. PRATT, JR. 182 ○
HERBERT (CHAN) STEPHENS 308 ○
RAYMOND C. WILLIAMS 42 ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

FOR PLANNING BOARD
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN TWO

GUS RUTH 445 ○
MICHAEL DOHERTY 505 ○
write in - 19 ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

Mim Johnson 79 ○
(Write-in)

FOR CONANT PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN THREE

MARCIA RACINE 598 ○
BONNIE LEVEILLE 498 ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

FOR CONANT PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TERM ENDS 2017

1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

DENIS V. MURPHY II 186 ○
LINDA CHASE 462 ○

(Write-in) ○

FOR THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN TWO

JOAN GRATTON 601 ○

(Write-in) ○

(Write-in) ○

FOR THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TERM ENDS 2017

1 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in) ○

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
TERM ENDS 2022

6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

BRIDGET E. PEARCE 601 ○
(Write-in) ○

FOR MUSTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMITTEE
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

VALERIE S. COLE 647 ○
(Write-in) ○

FOR MODERATOR
TERM ENDS 2018

2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

DENIS V. MURPHY II 584 ○
(Write-in) ○

FOR TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR
TERM ENDS 2019

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

JAMES TETREAU 708 ○
(Write-in) ○

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 2: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,567,376.00 (three million five hundred sixty seven thousand three hundred seventy six dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,460,888.00 (three million four hundred sixty thousand eight hundred eighty eight dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

420
YES ☒
NO ☐
341

Article 3: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,521 (three hundred forty three thousand five hundred and twenty one dollars) for the operations of the Sewer Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$319,647.00 (three hundred nineteen thousand six hundred and forty seven dollars) or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 2-1, with 1 abstention

487
YES ☒
NO ☐
267

Article 4: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$259,828 (two hundred fifty nine thousand eight hundred and twenty eight dollars) for the operations of the Water Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$232,187 (two hundred thirty two thousand one hundred and eighty seven dollars) or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- No Recommendation by the Financial Advisory Committee 2-2

475
YES ☒
NO ☐
287

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a seven year lease purchase agreement with a non-appropriation clause in the amount of \$451,657.16, to be paid in annual interest and principal payments for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire department pumper truck and to raise and appropriate \$72,850.00 (seventy two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose.

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

465
YES ☒
NO ☐
298

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,118.35 (twenty nine thousand, one hundred eighteen dollars and thirty five cents) for the third year lease payment on the 2014 Freightliner dump truck, plow and sander package.

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

595
YES ☒
NO ☐
162

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,294.00 (nineteen thousand, two hundred ninety four dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2015-2020. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

499
YES ☒
NO ☐
254

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 (eighteen thousand dollars) to be deposited in the Evergreen Expendable General Care Trust Fund established by an affirmative vote by the 1998 Town Meeting as Article 11; the source of these funds to be withdrawn from the surplus generated by the perpetual care funds already established for the care and maintenance of lots within the Evergreen Cemetery, and not from taxation. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

621
YES ☒
NO ☐
130

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Pipeline Coalition Legal Fund Capital Reserve Account under the provisions of RSA 35:1, III for the purpose of opposing the Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline, and to raise and appropriate \$15,882.00 (fifteen thousand eight hundred eighty two dollars) for Winchester's portion of the Municipal Pipeline Coalition legal fees to be placed in this fund with the Board of Selectmen being the agent of said fund.

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
- Not Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

369
YES ☐
NO ☒
389

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) for the Town's share of State road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article 19 for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

640
YES ☒
NO ☐
117

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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BALLOT 2 OF 2

James M. Tuttle
TOWN CLERK

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) to sand and refinish the wood floors at the Thayer Library. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0, with 1 abstention
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

602
YES ☒
NO ☐
149

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2012 Town Meeting under Article 15 for the purpose of treating exotic invasive plants in Forest Lake. (Majority vote required)

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

576
YES ☒
NO ☐
183

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 (one thousand six hundred dollars) to support the annual Pickle Festival. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

569
YES ☒
NO ☐
194

Article 14: To see if the Town of Winchester will accept the roads known as Arlington Heights and Bolton Woods in the subdivision known as Arlington Heights and Bolton Woods as town roads.

- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES ☒ 405
NO ☐
338

Article 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars \$35,000 (thirty five thousand dollars) for the purpose of subsidizing youth recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.

- Inserted by Petition
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

545
YES ☒
NO ☐
226

Article 16: To See if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) to give to ACCESS (All Children Cared for Education Supported & Successful) for the purpose of providing K-12 enrichment programs for the children & teens of Winchester & Ashuelot.

- Inserted by petition
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
- Not Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

393
YES ☒
NO ☐
369

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) to be given to the Winchester Historical Society for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sheridan House so that this museum may continue to preserve the history of Winchester for benefit of the public.

- Inserted by petition
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory 4-0

545
YES ☒
NO ☐
219

Article 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 (One thousand two hundred dollars) to support the operation of the Boat ramp at Forest Lake

- Inserted by Petition
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
- Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee 4-0

557
YES ☒
NO ☐
203

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to recommend the Select Board hire a grant writer, funding this grant writer, funding will come solely from the grants acquired and will not affect taxation.

- Inserted by petition
- Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

482
YES ☒
NO ☐
301

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a budget committee under the provisions of RSA 32:14, to include three elected members, for the first year being appointed by the Moderator. The following year will be elected.

- Inserted by petition
- Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

389
YES ☒
NO ☐
363

Article 21: Shall the town vote to continue Article 16, adopted March 10, 2015, which adopts a Housing Standards Ordinance in accordance with RSA 48:A.

- Inserted by petition
- Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

347
YES ☒
NO ☐
401

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 22: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article III, "J3", delete conversion apartments.

296
YES ☒
NO ☐
337

Article 23: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article III, add new "J3", to permit Accessory Dwelling units (a living unit subordinate to the primary dwelling in which one shall be owner occupied) by right to expand housing opportunities and flexibility in household living while maintaining aesthetics and residential use compatible with the neighborhood in all districts subject to conditions.

415
YES ☒
NO ☐
255

Article 24: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI, Definitions: A. New definition for accessory building or use; means a use of, a detached building which is subordinate to the main use or building and located on the same lot with the main building, or to the use of the land. If an accessory building; this includes any structure designed to be more or less permanent for the use as a storehouse or shelter for animals, vehicles or personal property. These uses shall be commonly, habitually and by a long established practice considered reasonably associated with the primary use.

370
YES ☒
NO ☐
292

Article 25: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI, new definition- GG; Agriculture, Farm & Farming, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, which includes the definition of Agritourism. Agritourism does not include wedding venues, concert areas, amusement parks, event venues, farmers markets and other non farming commercial uses. Uses that are not considered normal and customary would be subject to approvals from the land use boards.

382
YES ☒
NO ☐
271

Article 26: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI, new definition - "JJ"; "A duplex" is two dwelling units under one roof, or sharing of a common wall, with separate utilities, usually of similar size and occupied by two separate families independent of each other.

453
YES ☒
NO ☐
210

Article 27: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend the Sign Ordinance section II, Location: Delete "K", "Off premises signs". (For the purpose to allow off premises signage)

319
YES ☐
NO ☒
334

Article 28: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend the Sign Ordinance section IV Prohibited signs: Delete "A-Roof signs; B- overhang signs; E- Off premises signs". (For the purpose to permit these signs)

311
YES ☐
NO ☒
328

Article 29: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend the Sign Ordinance section V, Signs by District: "Add overhang signs, off premises and roof signs in limited size and quantities in all districts". (For the purpose of permitting these signs in all districts with limitations)

333
YES ☒
NO ☐
326

Article 30: Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #9 as proposed by petition? To see if the town will vote to amend the Master Plan and then the zoning ordinances. To allow the purchase and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR). This will preserve the sending land's current development state and will enable the receiving land to increase its unit density. The receiving land and giving land will have their deeds amended to reflect these changes. This will enable workforce housing and veteran housing developments.

225
YES ☐
NO ☒
443

Not recommended by the Planning Board 4-1

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors and other Town Officers.

582
YES ☒
NO ☐
96

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING



Sample
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James M. Tetreault
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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SCHOOL BOARD

THREE YEAR TERM Vote for not
TERM ENDS 2019 more than one

LINDSEIGH PICARD 413 ☐

JASON CARDINALE 235 ☐

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD

TWO YEAR TERM Vote for not
TERM ENDS 2018 more than one

STEVE THOMPSON 396 ☐

CARRIE SEVENE 210 ☐

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

THREE YEAR TERM Vote for not
TERM ENDS 2019 more than one

JAMES TETREAULT ☐

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE TWO: Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the 2016-17 school year, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$10,992,912.18**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$11,335,129.**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Winchester School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

- School Board does recommend this appropriation.

466
YES ☐
NO 240

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE THREE: Shall the Winchester School District vote to approve the cost items included in the two year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing.

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits (Social Security and NH Retirement System) under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

YEAR 2016-17

Wages	\$ 30,190.
Benefits (Social Security & NH Retirement System)	3,410.
Total	<u>\$ 33,601.</u>

YEAR 2017-18

Wages	\$ 18,269.
Benefits (Social Security & NH Retirement System)	3,478.
Total	<u>\$ 21,748.</u>

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 33,601.** for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

- **School Board does recommend this appropriation**

466
YES ☐
NO ☒ 292

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Winchester School District, if article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 only? (Majority vote)

YES ☒ 109
NO ☒ 332

ARTICLE FIVE: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1?

- **School Board does recommend this appropriation.**

YES ☒ 405
NO ☒ 290

ARTICLE SIX: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required).

- **School Board does recommend this appropriation**

YES ☒ 475
NO ☒ 292

ARTICLE SEVEN: Shall the Winchester School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

YES ☒ 679
NO ☒ 72

ARTICLE EIGHT: Shall the Winchester School District vote to transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting?

YES ☒ 586
NO ☒ 56

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING